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**In re Patent Application of:
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**For: CEMENTED CARBIDE MATERIAL FOR
SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING TOOL
AND SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING
TOOL**

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AFFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIM

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country on the date indicated:

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Japan	2003-169962	June 13, 2003

A certified copy of the aforesaid Japanese Patent Application was received by the International Bureau July 29, 2004 during the pendency of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/008557. A copy of Form PCT/IB/304 is enclosed.

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